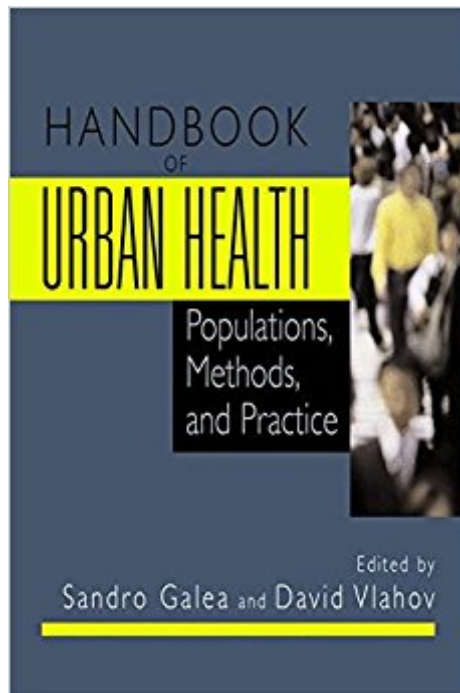




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This book is extremely well-planned and presented. The introductory chapter expounds the new

concept of "Urban Health" both for the professional and the aspiring student. It also sets the scope of the book as being a "bridge between urban health inquiry and public health practice." This is achieved by the introduction of the Integrative Chapters which come at the end of each of three parts i.e. Populations, Methods and Practice. These integrative chapters are short and written in an easy to read, fluent style. They are excellent introductory pieces for those outside the field who want to have a quick overview of the book, and for the student who expects a non-biased commentary on the ideas expounded on in the previous chapters. As well, they also form the thread which links such divergent topics as urban planning, legal frameworks, cost effectiveness, urban health in developing countries, in one particular city and in huge cities in general, in the environment and in the customs and practices of the populations who inhabit these environments. This book is recommended both for the general reader and as a textbook for the newly emerging science of Urban Health.

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